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F.2-Pol (Ans) / 53

Frau Schenk - wife of Mr.

Subhash Ch. Bose



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@ Phatter 6/1/16.

(अरुण कुमार चटर्जी)  
(ARUN KUMAR CHATTERJEE)  
संयोजक सचिव (सी.एन.डी.)  
Joint Secy (CNV)  
विदेश मंत्रालय, नई दिल्ली  
Ministry of External Affairs  
New Delhi

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LEGATION OF INDIA, BERNE

File No. 2-Pol(Aus)/53 - Frau Schenkl - Wife of  
Subhas Chandra Bose

(1 A-C) - Receipt

Submitted. (Previous year's file attached).

*me.*

Put up for info of the  
Minister in return from Vienna

ON chb  
24.6.53

Copies of the F.R. and ALL unpl  
correspondence should be sent to  
Vienna in the connection

The min. has asked Mr  
R. to send a self-contained report  
on the subject  
Minister may like  
see on the subject.

see on record  
J.M. 11/10  
6.7.53

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I am writing to Mr. Ramaswamy.

8.7.1953.

S No 2 (Issue)

F.S.

I am ~~not~~ answering the Pms. recent  
letter and am adding a note in this file on  
the lady (prepared by Mr. Ramaswami)  
There is however a lot of correspondence  
on this in the Vienna Legation. Before I ask  
for a complete copy of the cor. for the Embassy  
file from Vienna, would B. assure me  
that there are no other papers in Berne  
on this subject, except these ten pages, ending  
with my letter of 2.2.54 to the Pm. [This will hereafter  
be 'Top Secret' and will not go down to the Office]



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DEPARTMENT OFFICE

Letter  
Memorandum  
Tele. gram

File No.

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The  
Records file  
Was shown  
to the Arch  
in 6.7.53  
(Re. See page  
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I have now been shown in "Records file"  
I hope the P.S. will think it his business  
to tell me when a new subject crops up  
that there are - if there are - papers in  
his charge. This is elementary. He might  
have thought of this when he typed out the  
letter of 7.7.54 (ser. no. 2) on this file - but he did  
not, then, or file today !!

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The Ambassador had asked me to consider the eligibility of Anita, the daughter of Frau Schenk, for registration as an Indian citizen. This question as the Ambassador directed was to be considered only on its own merits and in terms of our Cusular regulations.

In view of two documents in the possession of Frau Schenk, one a letter addressed to her as "Madam Luther Chandan Bose" by Dr. B.C. Roy and two, a certificate issued on 4.2.52 by our Vice-Consul in Vienna to the effect that "Frau E. Schenk has a daughter Anita who was born on 29<sup>th</sup> November 1942 and whose father is an Indian .....", the lady can claim all citizen rights for her daughter and we have consequently to extend the same to her.

Gallapalli  
16.5.54

Amb.

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Draft Letter  
Memorandum  
Telegram

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SNs (19) + (21) — Issue

SN (22) — Receipt

SNs (23) + (24) — Issue



Dr. Ramaswamy's letter of 14th June shows that the money that was placed at our disposal by the Prime Minister to assist Frau Schenkl has now been completely exhausted. A.Sch.12.50 balance in the statement dated 14th June has subsequently been exhausted by the purchase of a film for Anita. This fact may now be reported to the Prime Minister's Secretariat. P.S. will please put up the references.

2. It may be placed on record that having obtained the Secret file regarding Frau Schenkl from our Legation in Vienna, as per Dr. Ramaswamy's letter dated February 23, I have arranged to have every important letter on that file copied out to complete this Embassy file, and the Legation file has been returned to Dr. Ramaswamy — it was handed over to him personally when he was last here.

3. Anita's Registration. Anita has been registered in terms of our Legation letter No. Con. 8(18), dated June 8 (Sl. No. 20), "as the child of an Indian citizen" — whose father's name is Shri Subhas Chandra Bose and mother's name Frau Emilie Schenkl.

Dr. Ramaswamy pointed out to me in the course of discussions in Vienna this month that, whereas the Ministry's letter No. D.1736-NGO/54, dated May 31 (Serial No. 18) speaks of registering the girl "as an Indian citizen under article 8" of the Indian Constitution and, indeed, that is what I had asked for in my letter of May 19 (serial No. 13), Frau Schenkl has repeatedly told Dr. Ramaswamy that she wants the girl to be registered as the "child of an Indian citizen." Dr. Ramaswamy was emphatic that Frau Schenkl wanted that the girl should not thereby lose her Austrian citizenship for various reasons.

This is all very well, but the child of an Indian citizen, if registered in the Legation as such, can only come under article 8 in this case and, as such, she is an Indian citizen.

We may let this be where it rests for the present. Unfortunately, I did not myself have occasion to discuss this detail with Frau Schenkl and she did not herself raise it in the course of a conversation I had with her this time. Mr. Safrani, the new First Secretary, knows Frau Schenkl well personally and so do I now. When we next see her we may speak to her about this tactfully. The Trust Deed which is going to lead to Anita receiving sums of money in future is not conditional on her being an Indian citizen or otherwise. This is irrespective of her citizenship. Undoubtedly it is implicit that the daughter of the late Subhas Chandra Bose is an Indian citizen (under article 8). We do not want her to lose any advantages that she may have as an Austrian citizen in Austria and we are not going to advertise this registration in the Legation. Whatever else might arise in future as a result we shall consider as and when the question arises. But we should explain these implications to Frau Schenkl tactfully when we meet her next time.



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Draft <sup>Letter</sup> Memorandum  
Telegram

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2. List of enclosures

The Ambassador wished to know whether it would be possible for Mrs. Schenk to open an account here in a Swiss Bank. I went to the Cantonal Bank and asked them whether it would be possible for an Austrian Citizen to open an account. They said it was but the bank would pay no interest - the person would have to pay about 8-5/- every half year for the maintenance expenditure of the account.

Application form as well as the <sup>specimen</sup> signature card together with form of mandate in case it is desired to give some one the power to operate the account are herewith submitted.

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S.X.P.

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The First Secretary has verified that a non-resident Austrian citizen can open an account in a Swiss bank. There, therefore, need be no difficulty in our agreeing to pay part of the monies to be paid to Anita into a Swiss Bank account, if Frau Schenkl opens such an account.

We have discussed this with Mr. Vijaya Raghavan during his visit to Berne. Mr. Vijaya Raghavan should be given a copy of our notes at pages 4 and 5 (and this note). Mr. Vijaya Raghavan might speak to Frau Schenkl about this payment in Switzerland, and, should she desire this, the matter may be referred to Delhi for approval or orders. The reference had better be made by the Ambassador if he is here by the time our side of the question is settled. If by then, there is no Ambassador here, the First Secretary in Vienna might write to Mr. C. S. Jha or Mr. Prem Krishen demi-officially.

*J. J. J.*  
12. 11. 54.

*Letter to Mr. Raghavan*

*Authn*

*15. 11. 54*





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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
NEW DELHI

No.F.52/34/NGO.

537  
March 23, 1957.

My dear Vijaya Raghavan,

Please refer to the correspondence resting with your letter No.Con/8/1 dated the 27th December 1956, regarding financial assistance to the family of the late Shri Subhas Chandra Bose.

....  
2. I enclose herewith a State Bank of India draft No.3/309/243546 dated the 20th March 1957, for £224/12/2 in your favour. Kindly pay the local equivalent of this amount to Frau Schenkl (Shrimati Bose) and send us her receipt in due course.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/

(I.J. Broughton)

Shri V.C. Vijaya Raghavan,  
First Secretary,  
Legation of India,  
Vienna.

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Copy to Dr. M.S. Mehta, Ambassador at Berne,  
for information.

*I.J. Broughton*  
(I.J. Broughton)

Seen by FS.

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No.F.52/34/NGO.

MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
NEW DELHI.

December 12, 1956.

My dear Vijaya Raghavan,

Please refer to the correspondence resting with my d.o. letter of even number dated the 6th November, 1956, regarding financial assistance to the family of the late Shri Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. I enclose herewith a State Bank of India draft No.2/849/243448 dated the 6th December, 1956, for £224/12/2 in your favour. Kindly pay the local equivalent of this amount to Frau Schenkl (Shrimati Bose) and send us her receipt in due course.

3. Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/

(I.J. Broughton)

Shri V.C. Vijaya Raghavan,  
First Secretary,  
Legation of India,  
Vienna.

Copy to Dr. M.S. Mehta, Ambassador at Berne,  
for information.

(I.J. Broughton)



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June 5, 1956

Sub: Welfare of Frau Schenkl (Mrs. Bose)

My dear

Please refer to your letter No. F.52/34/NGO of May 23, 1956, on the subject cited above. The value of the cheque enclosed therewith amounting to A.Schillings 16,236.20 has been collected and the amount handed over to Frau Schenkl. The exchange voucher from the Bank and the original receipt from Frau Schenkl are attached herewith.

Yours sincerely,

(V.C.Vijaya Raghavan)

Encl.

Shri A.S. Mehta,  
Deputy Secretary to the  
Government of India,  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
New Delhi, India.

Copy for information to: Dr. M.S. Mehta,  
Ambassador of India,  
Embassy of India, Berne.

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[Signature]





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Ministry of External Affairs,  
New Delhi.

No.F.52/34/NGO.

S.34

May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1956.

My dear Vijaya Raghavan,

Please refer to the correspondence resting with your d.o. letter No.Con/8(1) dated the 9th September, 1955, regarding financial assistance to the family of the late Shri Subhas Chandra Bose.

2. I enclose herewith a State Bank of India draft No. D 91423 dated the 17th May, 1956, for £224-12-2 in your favour. Kindly pay the local equivalent of this amount to Frau Schenk1 (Shrimati Bose) and send us her receipt in due course.

3. Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours sincerely,

Sd/

(A.S. Mehta)

Shri V.C. Vijaya Raghavan,  
First Secretary,  
Legation of India,  
Vienna.

Copy to Dr.M.S. Mehta, Ambassador at Berne,  
for information.

Assured 23/5/56  
(A.S. Mehta)

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Vienna

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SECRET

D.O.Con/8(1)

April 15, 1955

Sub: Welfare of Frau Schenkl (Mrs. Bose)

My dear

8 No (32)

Please refer to the correspondence resting with your d.o letter No. F.52/34/NGO of March 30, 1955 on the subject cited above. The value of the cheque enclosed therewith amounting to 16,236.20 Austrian Schillings has been collected and the amount handed over to Frau Schenkl. The exchange voucher from the Bank and the original receipt from Frau Schenkl are attached herewith.

Yours sincerely,

Encl.

(V.C.Vijaya Raghavan)

Shri A.S. Menta,  
Deputy Secretary to the  
Government of India,  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
New Delhi.

Copy, without enclosures, forwarded for information to:

Shri A.H. Safrani,  
Charge d'Affaires,  
Embassy of India,  
Berne.

*Vijaya Raghavan*



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Received this day from the Charge d'Affaires of the Legation of India, Vienna, the sum of Austrian Schillings 16,236.20 (sixteen thousand two hundred and thirty six schillings and twenty Groschen only).

Vienna, 14th April, 1955

E. S.

(EMILIE SCHENKL)





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D.O.No.F.52/34/NGO

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SECRET  
Ministry of External Affairs.

New Delhi

Dated the 30th March, 1955

Subject:- Welfare of Frau Schenk1 (Mrs. Bose)

My dear Vijayaraghavan,

Please refer to our letter of even number dated the 3rd August 1954 and G.T.Chatterjee's letter No.Corr/8(1) dated the 19th August 1954 on the above subject.

2. I am desired to enclose herewith an Imperial Bank of India draft for £224-12-2 (draft No.E 49298 dated the 24th March, 1955) in your favour and to request that the value thereof may be collected and paid to Frau Schenk1 (Mrs.Bose) in cash. You will no doubt obtain a receipt and forward it to us here in due course. The money has been received from the All India Congress Committee and should be kept out of the official account.

3. I am sending a copy of this letter to our Embassy in Berne.

Please acknowledge receipt.

Yours sincerely,

(A.S.Mehta)

Shri V.C.Vijayaraghavan,  
Charge d' Affaires,  
Legation of India,  
Vienna.

Copy to Shri A.H. Safrani, Embassy of India,  
Berne, for information.

(A.S.Mehta) 29/3/55



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EMBASSY  
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No.F.2-Pol(Aus)/52.

15th November 1954.

My dear Raghavan,

Attached please find copy of some notes on our file on Mrs. Schenkl which are self-explanatory.

With kind regards,

Yours sincerely,

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(A.H. Safrani)

Mr. V.C. Vijaya Raghavan,  
First Secretary (Commercial),  
Legation of India,  
Vienna.

Encl: 1





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LEGATION OF INDIA

VIENNA XVIII

August 19, 1954.

Con/8(1).

To

The Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India (Shri  
Devi Diyal),

Ministry of External Affairs,

NEW DELHI. (INDIA).

Subject:- Welfare of Frau Schenkl - Mrs. Bose.

Sir,

With reference to your letter No.F.52/34/MCO-54,  
dated the 3rd August, 1954 on the subject noted above,  
I am directed to forward herewith the receipt for the  
amount paid in cash to Frau Schenkl (Mrs. Bose).

Kindly acknowledge receipt.  
(Encl.1)

Yours faithfully,

*G.T. Chatterji*  
(G.T. Chatterji)

Assistant Registrar.

Copy forwarded for information to the First Secretary,  
Embassy of India, Berne with reference to his  
letter No.F.2-Pol(Aus)/52, dated the 12th August,  
1954.

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SECRET (186)  
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EMBASSY  
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No.F.2-Pol(Aus)/52.

12th August, 1954.

My dear Mr. Chatterji,

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Please refer to your letter Con/8(1) dated the 9th August 1954. Mr. Devi Diyal's letter No.F.52/34/NGO/54, dated the 3rd August 1954, was not received by you previously because it had come only recently. It is being sent to you separately with today's bag. As mentioned to you, you may kindly pay the amount to Miss Schenk and obtain her receipt. The file on the subject is not with you.

Yours sincerely,

*Qum*

(A.H. Safrani)

S/c

Mr. G.T. Chatterji,  
Assistant Registrar,  
Legation of India,  
Vienna.

For Amle's information

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BY AIRMAIL  
EXPRESS DELIVERY

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LEGATION OF INDIA  
VIENNA

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Con/8(1)

9th August, 1954

Dear Sir,

Encl(27)

With reference to our telephone conversation on Saturday, the 7th instant, I have to inform you that <sup>30</sup>Mr. Devi Diyal's letter No.F.52/24/NGO/54, dated 3.8.1954 has not been received here through the Berne Diplomatic Pouch and Bag, each bearing No.32/Vienna/54 dated 5.8.54 which were delivered to us on the 27th instant. Nor was the letter, in question, enlisted in the respective Way Bills of the Pouch and the Bag. Will you, therefore, kindly have an enquiry instituted at your end and inform me of the result ?

Yours sincerely,

(G.T. Chatterji)  
Assistant Registrar

A.H. Safrani, Esq., I.F.S.,  
First Secretary,  
Embassy of India  
B e r n e

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No.F.52/34/NGO-54.  
Government of India.  
Ministry of External Affairs.

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Dated New Delhi, the 3rd August, 1954.

To

The Vice Consul (Shri G.T. Chatterjee),  
Legation of India,  
Vienna (Austria).

Subject:- Welfare of Frau Schenkl - Mrs. Bose.  
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Sir,

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In continuation of this Ministry's letter of even number dated the 29/31st May, 1954, I am directed to enclose herewith an Imperial Bank of India Draft for £224-12-2 in your favour and to request that the value thereof may be collected and the amount paid to Frau Schenkl (Mrs. Bose) in cash. You will no doubt obtain a receipt and forward it to us here in due course. The money has been received from the All India Congress Committee and should be kept out of the official accounts. I am sending a copy of this letter to our Ambassador in Berne.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours faithfully,

Mr. Chatterji has not got the Secret file (I know) - he may be instructed on the phone.

(Devi Diyal)

Deputy Secretary to the Govt. of India.

(2) Has F.S. enquired about the possibility of paying the lady partly in Switzerland?

Copy to Shri Y.D. Gundevia, Ambassador of India, Berne, for information.

F.F.

6/8/54  
I have telephoned to Mr. Chatterji.  
on file.  
Gundevia  
7.5.54

(Devi Diyal)

Deputy Secretary to the Government of India.





LEGATION OF INDIA

VIENNA XVIII  
GEYERGASSE 17  
(SPITZERGASSE 2)  
Telephon A 24-0-66

5th July, 1954

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

Further to my letter No Con/8(1) dated the 14th June, 1954 where I reported that out of the sum received from the Prime Minister for Mrs. Schenkl, there was a balance of A.Sch 12/50 with me. Since ~~that~~, I have purchased and presented a roll of films to Anita for this value. Consequently all the sums received by me for her have been fully spent.

I shall be grateful if you will kindly communicate this information to Mr. Prem Krishen who, I find, is dealing with this matter at the Ministry of External Affairs.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

K.V. Ramaswamy  
(K.V. Ramaswamy)

Sri Y.D. Gundevia, ICS  
Ambassador of India  
Embassy of India  
Berne

DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION  
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Extract from Indian Information Service morse  
cast dated May 24, 1954.

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A Trust Fund of Rs 200'000 out of the Indian national army funds has been created for the benefit of Anita Bose, daughter of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Congress-President Mr. Nehru gave this information on May 23 to the Congress Working Committee which concluded its 2-day deliberations at Newdelhi on Sunday.

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DEPARTMENT/OFFICE.

Draft Letter  
Memorandum  
Telegram

File No.

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Legation of India  
Vienna

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SECRET

24th June, 1954

Sub: Welfare of Frau Schenkl (Mrs. Bose)

Dear Mr. Prem Krishen,

Kindly refer to your D.O. F.52/34/NGO-50 dated the 31st May with which you forwarded a draft for L 224-12-2 for payment to Frau Schenkl. The Draft was duly cashed and paid to Frau Schenkl, as desired, on the 14th June, 1954. The Bank slip and receipt from Frau Schenkl in original are forwarded herewith. Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours sincerely,

K.V. Ramaswamy  
(K.V. Ramaswamy)

Sri Prem Krishen, ICS  
Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India  
Ministry of External Affairs  
New Delhi.

cc for information to: Sri Y.D. Gundevia, ICS  
Ambassador of India  
Embassy of India  
Berne

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(17) ~~SECRET~~ (23) (50)  
No:F(2)-Pol(Aus)/54.

June 30, 1954.

My dear Prem Krishen,

Would you kindly refer to your letter No.F.52/34/NC0/50, dated May 31 to Ramaswamy, with which you had sent him an Imperial Bank draft for £224-12-2 for Frau Schenkl? Ramaswamy informs me that this amount has been duly dispursed, paid to Frau Schenkl.

It may be noted that with this draft we begin a new series of payments to Frau Schenkl — from the All India Congress Committee, as a result of the Trust Deed created in favour of Frau Schenkl for her daughter Anita Schenkl-Bose. It may be noted that in the past sums of money have been sent to us from the Prime Minister's Secretariat. These were to be used in Frau Schenkl's interest at the discretion of the Ambassador. This previous account is now closed. On 16.2.54, there was a cash balance of Aus.Sch.5461.37 plus A.S.3.73 accrued interest on this account. I am satisfied myself that this has been fully expended and the balance now under this old account is nil. The details of this account have been duly maintained on our files in the Vienna Legation and this Embassy. But it may be noted that this previous account is now closed.

Yours sincerely,

(Y.D.Gundevia)

Copy to Shri M.O.Mathai, Special Assistant to the Prime Minister, for information.

Ambassador.



SECRET  
Con/8(1)

LEGATION OF INDIA

17, GEYERGASSE  
(2, SPITZERGASSE)  
VIENNA XVIII  
TEL.: A 24 0 66

14th June, 1954

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

With my letter No. Con/8(1) dated the 23rd February, 1954, I gave an account of the expenses incurred for Frau Schenkl. The cash balance as on that date was A.Sch. 5461.77. Since then a sum of A.Sch 62.50 was spent on a present to Anita for Easter (Easter eggs etc). A sum of A.Sch 3890.50 was incurred in connection with the "Firmung" ceremony on which occasion a camera and dress materials were presented to Anita. A cheque for A.Sch 1,500.- was handed over to Frau Schenkl for meeting certain expenses in connection with that ceremony. All these expenses were made at her suggestion. A statement of accounts showing a balance of A. Sch 12.50 as on date is attached herewith. This sum of A.Sch 12.50 ~~will~~ be spent on buying Anita a roll of films for her camera, thereby exhausting the remittances received by us from the Prime Minister before the conclusion of the Trust Deed.

Serial No. 17

I have just received from Mr. Prem Krishan a draft for E 224/12/2, which in Schillings amounts to 16,302.07 and propose to hand over this sum to her today against a receipt which will have to be sent to the Ministry of External Affairs. A copy of the receipt will be retained in this office. In future all remittances received, will be handed over to her as and when received, against receipts.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

K. V. Ramaswamy  
(K. V. Ramaswamy)

Encl.

Sri Y.D. Gundevia, ICS  
Ambassador of India  
Embassy of India  
Berne

	16,302.07
less Bank Cheque	65.57
Net .	<u>16,236.50</u>



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STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS FROM 16.2.54 till 14.6.54

<u>RECEIPTS</u>		<u>EXPENCES</u>	<u>A.SCH</u>
16.2.54	Cash balance brought forward	5,461.77	
	Interest	3.73	
		21.4. Easter present for Anita (Easter eggs etc)	62.50
		8.6. For "Firmung" of Anita	
		Super Ikonta Camera with bag film etc	2126.50
		Summer clothing material from Messrs. Hertz-mansky	1657.-
		Cheque No. 015820 on Länderbank to Frau Schenkl for "Firmung" expenses	1500/-
		14.6 Films colour & ordinary	107/-
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		5,465.50	5,453.00
	less expenses	5,453.00	
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	Cash balance as on 14.6.54	12.50	

LEGATION OF INDIA  
17, GEYERGASSE  
(2 SPITZERGASSE)  
VIENNA XVIII  
Tel. A 24-0-66

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Con/8(1)

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xxxxxxx  
8th June, 1954

Dear Mrs. Schenkl,

With reference to the discussions during the visit of the Ambassador in February, a copy of the Trust Deed signed by the Prime Minister Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru and Dr. B.C. Roy dated the 23rd May, 1954 is forwarded herewith for your information. You will be hearing further in the matter at an early date.

Kindly acknowledge receipt.

Yours sincerely,

(Signature)

(Dr.K.V.Ramaswamy)  
Attache

Encl.

Mrs. Emilie Schenkl  
Wien XVIII  
Ferrogasse 24

cc for information to: The Ambassador,  
Embassy of India  
Berne.



Legation of India  
Vienna

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Con/8(18)

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8th June, 1954

Madam,

With reference to your letter dated the 31st March I write to inform you that the particulars of your daughter Anita have been registered in this office as the child of an Indian citizen as follows:-

1. Name: Anita
2. Date of birth: 29th November, 1942  
Vienna
3. Name & address: Subhas Chandra BOSE  
of father 1, Woodburn Park, Calcutta
4. Name & address Frau Emilie Schenkl  
of mother: Wien XVIII  
Ferrogasse 24

The documents forwarded by you have been filed in this office.

Yours faithfully,



(Dr. K. V. Ramaswamy)  
Attache & Vice Consul

Mrs. Emilie Schenkl,  
Wien XVIII  
Ferrogasse 24

cc for information to: The Ambassador,  
Embassy of India  
Berne

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EMBASSY  
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~~TOP SECRET~~

19  
5th June, 1954.

My dear Ramaswamy,

I had to refer the case on the registration of Anita Schenkl-Bose as an Indian citizen to the Government. I have received a reply to say that there is no objection to her being registered as an Indian citizen under Article VIII of the Constitution. You should, therefore, go ahead and register her as such.

Yours sincerely,

  
(Y.D. Gundevia)

Mr. K.V. Ramaswamy,  
Vice-Consul-oun-Attaohé,  
Legation of India,  
Vienna.



No: D. 1736-NGO/54

~~TOP SECRET~~ (44)



MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS  
NEW DELHI

May 31, 1954

My dear Ambassador,

Please refer to your Top Secret D.O.  
No: F.2 (Pol)-Ans/53, dated May 19, 1954.

There is no objection to Anita  
Schenk1-Bose being registered as an  
Indian citizen under Article 8 of the  
Indian Constitution.

Yours sincerely,

(I.S. Chopra)

D. Gundevia, Esqr.,  
Ambassador for India in  
Switzerland, Berne.

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MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS,  
NEW DELHI,

The 31st May, 1954.

Subject:- Welfare of Frau Schenkl (Mrs. Bose).

My dear Ramaswamy,

Will you please refer to the correspondence resting with your letter No. CON/S(1) dated the 6th November 1952 to H. Dayal on the above subject?

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2. I am desirous to enclose herewith an Imperial Bank of India Draft for £224-12-2 in your favour and to request that the value thereof may be collected and the amount paid to Frau Schenkl or (Mrs. Bose) in cash. You will no doubt obtain a receipt and forward it to us here in due course. The money has been received from the All India Congress Committee and should be kept out of the official accounts. I am sending a copy of this letter to our Ambassador in Berne.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.)

(Prem Krishen)

Shri K.V. Ramaswamy,  
Legation of India,  
VIENNA (Austria).

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✓ Copy to Shri Y.D. Gundevia, Ambassador of India, Berne.

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Prishen

(Prem Krishen)  
Joint Secretary.



BY BAG.

No. F. 2-Pol (Aus) / 53.

~~SECRET.~~

Embassy of India,  
Berne.

May 31, 1954.

My dear Mathai,

Will you please refer to your  
letter dated May 24? I have arranged for the  
copy of the Trust Deed being handed over to  
Frau Schenk through our Vice Consul in Vienna.

Yours sincerely,

1c (Y.D.Gundevia)

Shri M.O. Mathai,  
Special Assistant to the Prime  
Minister,  
New Delhi.

By Bag.

May 31, 1954.

My dear Ramaswamy,

Will you please refer to correspondence resting with my letter No.F.2-Pol(Aus)/53, dated January 19, 1954? The trust deed in question has been finalised by the Prime Minister and Dr.B.C.Roy and I have been requested to convey a copy of the same to Frau Schenkl. I am enclosing two copies of the deed herewith, one of which may be handed over to the lady and the other retained on your Legation file.

Yours sincerely,

(Y.D.Gundevia)

Dr.K.V.Ramaswamy,  
Vice Consul & Attache,  
Legation of India,  
Vienna.

F.S. - for info



SPECIAL ASSISTANT  
TO THE PRIME MINISTER

BY DIPLOMATIC BAG.

NEW DELHI

May 24, 1954.

My dear Gundevia,

I enclose copy of a note I have sent to the Secretary-General External Affairs, together with a copy of its enclosure.

Please take steps to convey copy of the Trust Deed to Frau Schenkel, wife of the late Shri Subhas Chandra Bose in Vienna, for her information.

Yours sincerely,



(M.O. Mathai)

Shri Y.D. Gundevia,  
Legation of India,  
Berne  
(Switzerland)


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**PRIME MINISTER'S SECRETARIAT.**

I enclose, for record in the Ministry of External Affairs, copy of a Trust Deed signed and executed yesterday by the Prime Minister and Dr. B.C. Roy in favour of the late Shri Subhas Chandra Bose's child in Vienna. The original document has been deposited with the office of the All India Congress Committee for safe custody.

2. I am sending a copy of the document to Shri Y.D. Gundevia, our Ambassador in Berne to be conveyed to Frau Schenkel, wife of the late Shri Subhas Chandra Bose in Vienna, for information.

3. The sum of Rs.2 lakhs covered by the Trust Deed is from the funds of the former Indian National Army, which was organised by the late Shri Subhas Chandra Bose.

  
(M.O. Mathai)  
24 - 5 - 54.

**SG**



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We, (1) Jawaharlal Nehru, son of Motilal Nehru deceased, of Allahabad now residing in New Delhi;  
(2) Dr. Bidhan Chandra Roy, son of Prakash Chandra Roy deceased, of No.36, Wellington Street, in the town of Calcutta, do hereby declare as follows:-

W H E R E A S a sum of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two lakhs) only has been set apart by the Working Committee of the Indian National Congress out of the I.N.A. Fund lying with the All India Congress Committee for the benefit of Anita Bose daughter of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose;

AND WHEREAS the said amount is now being held by us for the uses and purposes for which the said amount has been set apart by the Working Committee of the Indian National Congress;

WE DO HEREBY MAKE THIS DECLARATION OF TRUST that we shall hold the said sum of Rs.2,00,000/- (Rupees Two lakhs) upon trust to invest it in any manner authorised by law for the investment of trust funds and to hold such investments (hereinafter referred to as the "Trust Fund") upon the trusts hereinafter declared, namely:-

- (1) that we shall pay and make over the income of the Trust Fund to Frau Schenkl wife of the said Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose, or in the event of her death to such person as we may think proper, for the maintenance, education and advancement of the said Anita Bose until the said Anita Bose attains the age of 21 years, and
- (2) that upon the said Anita Bose attaining the age of 21 years, we shall transfer the Trust Fund to her,  
provided

provided that if she dies before attaining the said age we shall transfer the Trust Fund to Frau Schenkl if she is then alive, and if she is not alive, we shall transfer the Trust Fund to the Indian National Congress.

We do further declare that should any of us die or become incapable of acting in the trust or be desirous of retiring from the trust the other of ourselves with the concurrence of the Working Committee of the Indian National Congress appoint a new trustee in the place and stead of the trustee dying or becoming incapable or retiring and thereupon the Trust Fund shall vest in the new trustees jointly with the other trustees without any deed of appointment of new trustee being required to be executed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we have signed this Declaration of Trust this twenty third day of May one thousand nine hundred <sup>and</sup> fifty four.

SIGNED by Jawaharlal Nehru

in the presence of :

Kailas Nath Katju

R.A.Kidwai

Jawaharlal Nehru

SIGNED by Dr. Bidhan Chandra

Roy in the presence of :

Kailas Nath Katju

R.A.Kidwai

Bidhan Chandra Roy



May 19, 1954.

My dear Jha,

A recent circular says that you have taken over Europe and Africa as Joint Secretary. I do not know who is supposed to provide the answers for this somewhat delicate story. If it is Protocol, would you kindly pass the letter on to Chopra?

There has been considerable correspondence between this Mission and the Prime Minister, which is presumably in the Prime Minister's Secretariat, on Frau Emilie Schenkl, who is now accepted as the wife of the late Shri Subhas Chandra Bose. The fact of marriage is accepted on the basis of a letter in Bengali, dated 8th February, 1943, written by Shri Subhas Chandra Bose to his brother.

Frau Schenkl has now requested our Legation in Vienna to register her daughter, Anita Schenkl-Bose, as an Indian citizen. This request has probably been made because certain funds are expected to be made available for the child from India. The Prime Minister is aware of this and the matter is probably being handled by him personally.

In view of these developments, there should be no reason for not registering the child as an Indian citizen. I would, however, like the formal approval of the Ministry before action is taken by us, since this is an important individual case in which the Government would, I am sure, be interested.

Yours sincerely,

(Y.D.Gundevia)

Shri C.S.Jha, ICS,  
Joint Secretary to the Govt. of India,  
Ministry of External Affairs,  
New Delhi.

Copy forwarded to Dr.K.V.Ramaswamy, Vice Consul  
& Attache, Legation of India, Vienna, for information.



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LEGATION OF INDIA

~~XXXXXX WARTON XXXXX~~

VIENNA XVIII

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6th April, 1954

Sub: Registration of Miss Anita Schenkl as  
the daughter of Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose,  
Calcutta.

Sir,

I forward herewith the following papers:-

- 1) Copy of letter from Frau Emilie Schenkl  
requesting us to register her daughter as  
the daughter of Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose.
- 2) Translation of letter addressed by Mr. Subhas  
Chandra Bose to his brother (handed over to  
us by Frau Emilie Schenkl)
- & 3) Translation of a birth certificate dated the  
4th December, 1942

The above documents are submitted in duplicate.  
I shall be grateful if you will kindly consider the  
application and indicate the reply which we should give  
to Frau Emilie Schenkl.

Yours faithfully,

K.V. Ramaswamy

(Dr.K.V.Ramaswamy)  
Vice Consul

Y.D. Gundevia, Esq., ICS.  
Ambassador of India,  
Embassy of India, Berne



Copy

Ferrogasse 24,  
Vienna XVIII  
31.3.54

The Vice Consul  
Legation of India  
Vienna

Sir,

I furnish below particulars of my daughter

Anita Schenkl-Bose

who may be registered as the child of an Indian citizen.

Name: Anita

Date of Birth: 29.11.1942

Name and address of father:-

Subhas Chandra Bose  
1, Woodburn Park, Calcutta (India)

Name and address of mother:-

Frau Emilie Schenkl  
Ferrogasse 24, Vienna XVIII (Austria)

In support of the above statement I have sent you:-

1. a copy of her birth certificate
2. a copy of a letter by Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose to his brother Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose

Kindly let me know as soon as you have registered the particulars furnished above.

Yours faithfully,

*Ed.*  
(Emilie Schenkl)

Translation from German:

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Birth Certificate

[Registrar's Office: 28 Vienna - Währing -----No.2849/1942)

-----Anita Brigitte S c h e n k l -----

has been born on the 29th November, 1942 -----

at 28, Wielebansgasse, Vienna 18 -----

Mother: Emilie Karoline Schenkl, employee of the Reichs-  
postamt (State Post Office)

Resident: Vienna 18, Ferrogasse 24, Catholic

Changes of the entry: -----

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Vienna, 4th December, 1942

Registrar - sd -

Stamp: Registrar's Office:  
Vienna - Währing  
Registrar Office No. 28



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Translation from Bengali

Respected Brother (Mejdada)

Today I am again starting on a perilious journey but this time towards home. Perhaps I may not see the journey's end. If a serious danger overtakes me on the way, then I shall not be able to send you any more news in this life. So, today I am leaving here my news which will reach you in due time. I have married here and a daughter has been born to me. In my absence please show a little affection towards my wife and daughter, as you have done towards me all your life. May my wife and daughter fulfil and complete my unfinished work - this is my last prayer to God.

Please accept my devoted pronams (salutation) and kindly convey the same to mother, to sister in law and other superiors.

Yours affectionate brother,

subhas

Berlin, dated  
the 8th February, 1943

true translation - G.T. Chatterji

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Ferrogasse 24,  
Vienna XVIII  
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sl/-  
(Emilie Schenkl)

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true translation - G.T. Chatterji



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LEGATION OF INDIA

17, GEYERGASSE  
(2, SPITZERGASSE)  
VIENNA XVIII  
TEL.: A 24 0 66

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23rd February, 1954

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Dear Mr. Ambassador,

May I refer to your letter dated the 20th February regarding Fr. Schenkl and forward herewith, as instructed, the "secret" file on Frau Schenkl and the subfile containing correspondence with the Bose family?

2. As I mentioned in my note submitted to you in August 1953 in St. Gilgen, two remittances have been received so far from the Prime Minister, as follows:-

(1) A sum of B 127/19/1 (Sch 9,245.-) received in August and cashed in November, 1950.

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& (2) A sum of B 99/15/10 (Sch 7,236.-) received in October, 1952 and cashed in November, 1952.

Please see  
Flag X on  
L.F.

An extract of the accounts relating to these remittances is attached herewith. Supporting vouchers, instructions etc. relating to the expenditure are with me in the safe.

With kindest regards,

Yours sincerely,

K.V. Ramaswamy  
(K.V. Ramaswamy)

Y.D. Gundevia, Esq., ICS  
Ambassador of India  
Embassy of India  
Berne.

Place on the file.

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F.S. may see for information.  
The file is with the P.S.

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Seen by F.S.

EXTRACT OF ACCOUNTS RELATING TO

Mrs. E. Schenkl

1950

Receipts

Date	From whom received:	A.Sch
✓ 16.11.	Recd. from P.M. L 127/19/1	9,245.83
9.12.	Refunded by ) Frau Schenkl )	1,800.-
		<u>11,045.83</u>

Expenditure

date:	A.Sch.
1.8. Cash to Mrs. Schenkl	600.-
1.9. "	600.-
1.10. "	600.-
23.11. Anita's birthday presents - one dress	720.-
Birthday cake & chokolades	92.-
23.12. Christmas presents to Mrs. Schenkl & family - foodstuffs coffee, sugar, tea wines & drinks, cigarettes	824.-
26.12. Frau Schenkl's birthday - flowers, drinks	60. 205.63
	<u>3,701.63</u>
	<u>7,344.20</u>
	<u>11,045.83</u>

1951

bf	7,344.20	12. 3. Frau Schenkl's visit to Berne for discussions with Minister ticket for sleeper paid to Cooks	489.-
		Foreign exchange & other expenses paid to Frau Schenkl cheque	1,000.-
		10. 4. Lipton Tea	62.-
		12. 4. Paid for Easter presents	283.53
		4. 6. Tea	62.-

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Receipts

Expenditure

Date:	A.Sch
B.F.	7,344.20
interest	25.-
	<u>7,369.20</u>

Date		A.Sch
16.11.	Indian Brookbond Tea lbs 6/-	240.-
23.11.	Anita's Birthday 1 pullover (Brief-taube Kindermoden)	210.-
	Cakes	61.-
	Sweets	31.-
23.12.	Christmas presents foodstuffs	799.33
	Brookbond Tea (3lbs)	120.-
	Drinks	265.92
26.12.	Mrs. Schenkl's Birthday - flowers	50.-
	Drinks	82.-
		<u>3,755.78</u>
		3,613.42
		<u>7,369.20</u>

1952

1.1.	bf	3,613.42
✓ 3.11.	Remittance from P.M. L 99.15.10	7,236.-
		<u>10,849.42</u>
	less spent in 1952	2,120.-
	40	<u>8,729.42</u>

1. 1.	New Years presents flowers & sweets	60.-
12. 3.	Lipton Tea	60.-
9. 6.	Cigarettes (Cafe Bastei)	80.-
4.10.	Indian Tea (Tosh)	65.-
10.10.	English cigarettes (Hotel Sacher)	110.-
22.11.	Anita's birthday gold trinkets - bought by Ambassador	120.-
	cakes	65.-
	chocolates & sweets	28.-
6.12.	St. Nicolaus Day Krapus chocolate	32.-
23.12.	Chrstitmas presents foodstuffs	418.-
	drinks	142.-
	cigarettes	40.-
	dress material	740.-
26.12.	Frau Schenkl's birth-day flowers,	50.-
	drinks	110.-
		<u>2,120.-</u>



1953

Date	Receipts	A.Sch	Date	Expenditure	A.Sch
	bf	8,729.42	1. 1.	New Year's day gifts - flowers Sweets	72.- 63.-
Expenses in 1953	<u>2,152.65</u>		13. 1.	Cigarettes (E 2/19/6)	216.-
	6,576.77			Indian tea (Lipton)	30.-
			10. 4.	Tea - 1kg	80.-
				Easter presents sweets & chocolates for Anita	35.-
			20.10.	Darjeeling Tea Trau - 3 kilos with packing	280.-
			6.12.	St. Nicolaus present to Anita - sweets & chocolates	84.90
			23.11.	Anita's birthday dress material	515.-
				cakes & sweets	83.-
			23.12.	Christmas presents foodstuffs	306.10
				Drinks	112.-
				Tea etc	80.-
			26.12.	Frau Schenkl's Birthday	40.-
				wine 2 bottles	45.-
			31.12.	Silvester - coffee & wine etc	110.-
					<u>2,152.65</u>

1954

bf	6,576.77	1.1.	New Years presents flowers	50.-
			tips to messenger	5.-
		2.2.	Tea 6.5 kilos	520.-
			tincase	40.-
		15.2.	Cash to Mrs. Schenkl	500.-
				<u>1115</u>

Balance 6576.77  
as on 2/1/54 1115.00  
5461.77

Embassy of India,  
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February 20, 1954.

My dear Ramaswamy,

I have seen the old "recorded" file in the Embassy chancery regarding Frau Schenkl. There is considerable correspondence here upto the death of the late Minister Desai but very little after May, 1951. On the monetary side, particularly, there is some correspondence showing that in 1950 you were sent £127-19-0 and subsequently in October, 1952, perhaps, another £100. Quite apart from the monetary side, of course, I would like this file in the Embassy chancery to be complete. I have thought over this again and, contrary to what I had told you, I think the best way out for you is to send your whole file here by bag. I shall have some of the important letters copied out and then the file will be returned to you. You need have no fears that the papers will be lost or misplaced. The file may be addressed to me by name.

Yours sincerely,

(Y.D.Gundevia)

Dr.K.V.Ramaswamy,  
Legation of India,  
Spitzergasse 2,  
Vienna.



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Embassy of India  
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February 20, 1954.

My dear

This is in continuation of my letter of February 2 (No. F.2-rol(Aus)/52). I had Frau Schenkl over to tea when I was in Vienna and I have explained to her all that you have said in your last letter of January 26. I have told her that the question of the official trustee does not now arise and that you will be sending us the draft deed and she can give us her comments, if she has any to make.

I asked her if she would like the money sent to her direct and, as I expected, she is anxious that the money should be paid to her through our Legation. This way she hopes to avoid local taxation on the income, which might otherwise be substantial. I have hinted that it would not be our business to assist her in this in any manner or she should not expect that once regular payments begin, the matter is going to be kept confidential from the Austrian Government. This side of it, of course, is her business.

As you are aware, she has, for some time past, been receiving a regular remittance of Rs.200 or 300 from the Bose family. She expects, for various reasons, that this is now going to stop. I asked her if she wanted any immediate financial assistance from us, out of the balance that Ramaswamy still holds in her favour, and she said that she had requested Ramaswamy to keep the money with him for the present and she would ask for small sums from time to time, whenever she is in need.

Yours sincerely,

(Y.D.Gundevia)

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru,  
New Delhi.

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February 2, 1954.

My dear

x taken by Ank  
to Vienna

May I acknowledge with thanks receipt  
of your letter of January 26, regarding  
Frau Schenkl and the trust?

I am leaving for Austria tomorrow —  
for a fortnight — and I shall speak to  
the lady myself, and write to you again in  
the matter.

Yours sincerely,

(Y. D. Gundevia)

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru,  
Prime Minister,  
New Delhi.



~~SECRET~~

New Delhi,  
January 26, 1954.

My dear Gundevia,

I have seen your letter of January 19 addressed to Mathai about the proposed trust in favour of Subhas Bose's daughter.

We are setting aside a sum of Rs. 2 lakhs earmarked for Subhas Bose's daughter. For the present, we are opening a separate account of this sum in the joint names of Dr. B.C. Roy and myself. We shall invest the money in more or less short term securities so as to get some interest. Probably we shall get about Rs.500/- a month as interest.

No draft of the trust deed has thus far been prepared. Indeed we have not given any thought to the matter because we wanted a reply from Frau Schenk1 before we took any further step. Now that she has replied and agreed to be one of the trustees, we shall go ahead with this matter in consultation with lawyers and send such drafts as they might prepare. There is no hurry about it. Meanwhile the money will be kept apart and will periodically draw interest. We can arrange to have this interest sent to Frau Schenk1 regularly. The trust deed will presumably be till the girl attains majority when the money or securities will be fully at her disposal.

The question of the Official Trustee does not now arise, so far as I can see. However, I shall have this matter looked into and then write to you.

I take it, however, that the interest can be sent regularly to Frau Schenk1. What will be the best way to send this? Should it be sent to our Vice-Consul in Vienna, Ramaswamy, or directly to Frau Schenk1?

Please ask Ramaswamy to convey all this information to her and get her replies.

As regards trustees, presumably there should be one other trustee, besides Frau Schenk1.

Yours sincerely,

Jawaharlal Nehru

Shri Y.D. Gundevia,  
Embassy of India,  
Berne,  
Switzerland.



TOP SECRET

NOTE SUBMITTED TO THE MINISTER

Sub: Frau Emilie SCHENKL and her daughter Anita  
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What I knew before my posting in Vienna

1. I came to know about Frau Schenkl and her daughter in 1948 while I was with the Indian Military Mission in Berlin. Major Warren, who was at that time dealing with the Indian nationals in Germany and Austria, ~~and~~ had a file which contained statements by most of the Indians who remained in Germany during the war. In some of the statements I found references about Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose and his activities. There was also a statement by Frau Schenkl about her having worked as a typist for Mr. Bose in Austria and Germany. Some time later I heard about her from Mr. Sultan and Mr. Nayak in Berlin, two Indians who worked for the Indian Legation during the war, that Mr. Bose had a child by Frau Schenkl and that the mother and daughter were living in Vienna. On a later occasion Mr. Sultan said that, if I were going to Vienna, I should meet Mrs. Bose and her daughter. I first came to Vienna in 1948 in connection with trade talks and met an Indian doctor, Dr. Madan, who informed me that Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose had his wife and daughter here. However I did not meet them at that time nor when I visited Vienna again in 1949 before the Legation was established.

2. First Contacts

On my way to Vienna from Berlin I reported to the Minister, late Mr. Desai, at Berne and casually mentioned to him about Frau Schenkl. He said he knew about her from Sardar Vallabhai Patel and was anxious that we should look after both ~~and~~ mother and daughter with special care. He directed me to be in close touch with them and help them in every way possible.

P.T.O.

He asked me to give him my views about her and her suitability to work as a typist at the Legation. He also gave me some presents for the child - chocolates and toys, and asked me to deliver them to the child personally and report on the condition of their living, financial position etc. He also asked me to make enquiries about them discreetly. I reached Vienna on the 23rd November and saw Frau Schenkl and Anita on the 26th. Later I also met Frau Fuelop-Mueller, one of her friends - who, incidentally, was the person, who introduced her to Mr. Bose. I met also Director Dr. Richter, a friend of Mr. Bose in Vienna, who was staying at Bad Gastein in 1937 and ~~who~~ knew all about Frau Schenkl and Mr. Bose.

### 3. Question of Marriage

When I had come to know Frau Schenkl well, we used to meet often in her house and the Legation, and she began to talk about herself. She said that she met Mr. Bose even in 1934 when he was in Vienna and worked as a typist for him off and on. In the year 1937 when he was at Bad Gastein, she also stayed with him and looked after him. They fell in love with each other and became intimate. Mr. Bose left for India early in 1938 but there was an understanding that he would come again to Europe. ~~In 1941, when~~ he escaped from India and came to Berlin via Afganistan and Moscow in April 1941 Mr. Bose wrote to her and asked her to go to Berlin. She went. In September 1941 Mr. Bose and herself went and stayed at Bad Gastein when Mr. Bose first ~~first~~ promised to marry her. After some weeks, they returned to Berlin and stayed together in Tiergartenstrasse, Mr. Bose's official residence. In April 1942 she told Mr. Bose that she was expecting a baby. They were by that time "married". As

it was war time, there was no possibility of registering the marriage or holding a celebration. It was a quiet marriage and no one knew they were married, but Mr. Nambiar and close friends had guessed. When she was about 6 months pregnant, sometime in August 1942, she left Berlin and came to Vienna. The baby was born on the 29th November, 1942 in the I. Frauenklinik~~(/)~~, but the name of the father was not noted in the register. Mr. Bose did not want it to be known, in view of the complications in his political life. However, he wrote a letter in Bengalee to his brother, asking the latter, to look after his child and his wife, in case anything happened to him. Mr. Subhas Bose particularly asked her not to send the letter unless he was dead or lost. In 1945, she heard of the plane accident to Mr. Subhas Bose, but she had no means of sending the letter to Mr. Sarat Bose. In 1947, however, she had photocopies of the letter taken, for fear of losing the original, and gave one copy to Mr. Parekh and another to Mr. Hafiz, both of whom were her friends, with the request that the letter be delivered to Mr. Sarat Bose in person. In 1948, they both reached India; Mr. Parekh handed the letter over to Sardar Patel and Mr. Hafiz to our Prime Minister. The copy was not given to Mr. Sarat Bose. Our Prime Minister then wrote to Mr. Sarat Bose about his brother's wife and daughter, but Mr. Sarat Bose was quite annoyed and denied that his brother was ever married. But when the letter was shown mentioning "I have married her and have a daughter by my wife. Please have some affection for my wife and child when I am no more - as you have had for me throughout my life." Mr. Sarat Bose appears to have been sceptic and undertook to meet Frau Schenkl and daughter in Europe. Mr. Sarat Bose came in 1949 and the original letter was given to him. He then changed his mind and was very friendly. He asked Frau Schenkl to go to



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India and live with them, but she did not agree. From that time onwards the Bose family have been good to her and she had visits from Mr. Amiya Bose, <sup>Kalyan, Sisir Bose</sup> Abinda Bose and other members. After Mr. Sarat Bose's death, Roma, his daughter, and Dr. Sachis Ray, his son-in-law came and stayed in Vienna for about a year and thus the family ties have been strengthened. The family members have thus accepted her as Mr. Subhas Bose's wife and Anita as his child. I have made discreet enquiries about the marriage from Director Richter, Frau Fue-  
lop Mueller, Kommerzialrat Faltis and Mrs. Vetter, who were close friends of Mr. Subhas Bose and know Frau Schenkl quite well and all of them have confirmed that, though there was no formal marriage, Mr. Subhas Bose and Frau Schenkl lived together and the child was born of that association. The child bears distinctive Mongolian features of the Bengali type and I feel convinced that, in the circumstances, Anita should be treated as the daughter of Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose.

4. Family of Frau Emilie Schenkl: Frau Emilie Schenkl comes of a middle class family; her father died about twenty years ago, but her mother is still alive. She has no brother, but a younger sister, who is married to a mechanic in Graz. Though she is called Frau Schenkl, she was not married before she met Mr. Bose; it is usual in Austria to call any young lady over twenty five as a Frau (Mrs.) instead of Fraulein (Miss) for the sake of politeness. She has no other close relatives.

5. Her Financial Position: Soon after I had come to Vienna in January, 1950, I heard a lot about her from Director Richter of the Societie Adriatica, an Italian Insurance company, to whom I was introduced by Mr. A.C.N. Nanbiar. Dr. Richter said that she had no property

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and had to live on what she earned, and a very small pension which her mother got, - barely sufficient to carry on, hand to mouth. He suggested that the Government of India should do something to help her for the maintenance of the child particularly as the Bose family had not done anything in regard to the acknowledgment of Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose as the father of Anita. I gathered that Director Richter was speaking to me on behalf of Frau Schenkl and on her suggestion. Frau Schenkl has been working as telephone operator in the Vienna Telephone Co., and her salary in 1950 was about 700 Schillings net - at that time quite insufficient to maintain herself, her mother and the child. When I met Mr. D.B. Desai, the Minister, subsequently in Berne, I mentioned to him about her financial difficulties. He promised to write to the Prime Minister and Sardar Vallabhai Patel. In the meanwhile, he asked me to help them as far as I can. I was sending her tea, cigarettes and small packets of food-stuff, now and then, and met her several times. She was a frequent visitor to our house. In the middle of August, 1950 I received a sum of B 127-19-1 (9,245 Schillings) from the Prime Minister. Mr. Desai, who was here some time later, met Frau Schenkl. He wanted to give her <sup>some</sup> ~~the~~ money, but she suggested that the money should be with me and that she would take it from me, as and when she required, to supplement her income. She had arranged to take from me a sum of 600 Sch per month and had, in fact already taken that sum from me even before the money came and requested me to keep the whole thing secret for fear of embarrassing Mr. Sarat Bose. Three monthly instalments were paid to her in August, September and October, 1950 and she also accepted small presents, tea, coffee, cigarettes, chocolates, toys etc. When the November instalment was ready, Mr. Aniya Bose, son of Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose, came to Vienna. Frau Schenkl saw me in my house and was agitated over the fact that there was some publicity

in India about the payments to her, which had embarrassed the Bose family. She complained about the Prime Minister having announced the money payments to some members of Parliament. Early in December 1950, she came to me again, returned the three instalments (total 1,800 Sch) and took back the receipts and confided to me why she had to return the sum. Mr. Amiya Bose had told her plainly that, if she wanted to be considered a member of the Bose family, she should accept no money from the Prime Minister. As Frau Schenkl told me then, Mr. Amiya Bose had informed her that he had information that Mr. Subhas Bose was not dead and was probably hiding and would be very annoyed if she accepted money from his political enemy, the Prime Minister. Frau Schenkl added, however, that she did not believe fully Mr. Amiya Bose, but she could not afford to offend him. She agreed to accept help from the fund, when necessary, and discreetly suggested presents on special occasions such as birthdays of Anita and herself, Christmas, Easter, New Year Day etc. which could not be misunderstood. I reported the matter to Mr. Desai, who instructed that the sum of 1,800 Schillings returned by her should be used to buy a present for Christmas and this was done. Subsequently, I met Mr. Desai, who was then very ill, who asked me to arrange for her to go to Berne. He told me that a sum of one lakh was available from the I.N.A fund and another lakh with Sardar Patel both of which were to be held in trust for Frau Schenkl and her daughter Anita and that Frau Schenkl should be very careful in her dealings with Mr. Amiya Bose and other members of that family. I duly conveyed this information discreetly, as our personal relations were very good and she trusted me. Early in February 1951, our Prime Minister wrote to Frau Schenkl and the letter was delivered by me in person. It contained a request to her to go to India to execute some Trust deeds etc.



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As desired by the Prime Minister, she was assured that the matter was entirely private, nothing to do with the Government and that she would have no difficulty in India. All expenses were to be paid by the Prime Minister personally and she could also visit Calcutta to see the Bose family if she so desired. Frau Schenkl took some time to reply. She came and consulted me several times. In the meanwhile, I felt she had written to Mr. Amiya Bose in Calcutta and also consulted Mr. Sarat Bose's son-in-law Mr. Sachis Ray, <sup>who was then in Vienna.</sup> She told me that she did not show our Prime Minister's letter to any one and the matter was entirely secret. Some days later, she gave me several reasons why she should not go to India. She did not want to give up her job. She could not secure long leave at short notice. She did not want to disturb the child's study. She did not desire to leave her old mother alone. But one of the main reasons, which she did not mention, but which I guessed, was that if she went to India Mr. Subhas Bose's family would be somehow embarrassed - due to the marriage question mark - and that she was also nervous of the publicity. She wrote out a reply which was sealed and asked me to send it. I forwarded this reply to Mr. Desai in February. He telephoned me to send her to Berne as he was ill. I arranged for her visit and she went. On her return, I learnt that she had reiterated her objections to go to India at that time and Mr. Desai appreciated her point. We did not, since then, pay her any money, but continued, now and then, to send presents which she accepted. She complained again, however, in May 1951 that the Prime Minister had announced the substance of his correspondence with her <sup>etc.</sup> and that she had not accepted his invitation to the parliament, though he had assured her that the matter was absolutely private and confidential.

In the meanwhile, Mr. Sisir Bose, brother of Mr. Amiya Bose, was in Vienna and returned to Calcutta. Some

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correspondence between him and Mrs. Schenkl took place the gist of which was communicated to me by Frau Schenkl. There was a proposal to publish a second Volume of Mr. Subhas Bose's "Indian Struggle" and some unpublished material, which was in her possession, was to be supplied by her and the full profit should belong to her. In August 1952 a sum of Rs 300/- was remitted by Mr. Aniva Bose to me with the request that this amount should be handed over to Frau Schenkl. The permit for remittance was granted by the Reserve Bank of India on the sponsorship of the Ministry of External Affairs. From that month Rs 200/- per month has been regularly received for her. The Ministry of External Affairs is aware of the remittances.

Mr. N. Raghavan, the Minister, knew of the developments. When Mr. Asaf Ali came in July 1952, I told him the whole story. I asked him as to what to do with the balance of money with us, Sch. 3,800 (£ 52/-) He spoke to Frau Schenkl and asked me to set this money apart and buy a good Rolleiflex Camera or some gold jewel for Anita and present it to her. Later, he said he would buy <sup>camera</sup> ~~the~~ himself, when he visited Vienna next and present it. Frau Schenkl has agreed to take the camera as she needs it.

Mr. Asaf Ali wrote to the Prime Minister on his return to Berne, and Mr. Tayabji, wrote to me to buy some tea for Frau Schenkl and promised to send parcels from India, if need be. I replied saying that I had been regularly supplying her tea and suggested that no food parcels etc. should be sent from India as Frau Schenkl was very touchy in the matter and her case should be handled carefully. In October 1952, I got a remittance of £ 99-15-10 from the Prime Minister out of which £ 7-7-6 had been spent in tea and cigarettes.

Thus, at present, Frau Schenkl is getting Rs 200/- from the Bose family in Calcutta, her profit from the



book sales, and enough funds are available to help her if she needs any monetary help. Frau Schenkl is most particular to keep good relations with the Bose family and with us.

When I was at Buergerstock, the Prime Minister asked me whether the money sent for Frau Schenkl had already been spent and whether more money was needed. I said that the last remittance had not been utilised and that Frau Schenkl was not taking money. He said he knew that she was not accepting money, but it should be given to her in presents, as occasions arose, and she must be discreetly informed that the Bose family was not well off and she could not expect much help from that quarter.

5. Frau Schenkl's General Attitude:

She is simple but very shrewd. She wants it to be clearly accepted by the Bose family that she is Mr. Subhas Bose's wife and, later on, to accept the sums earmarked for her and her daughter. She is sure that Mr. Subhas Bose is dead, but keeps on telling visitors that she has the feeling that he is alive. To those who ask her why she does not go to India, she replies cleverly that she would go to India with Mr. Subhas Bose when he comes back. She is willing to accept help but not to acknowledge it for fear of embarrassing the Bose family at present. When I once suggested that I proposed to return the money to India as she was no longer in need, she said that I should not do so as she proposed to take help from us when the remittances from the Bose family stopped, as she believed it would, and when she was in need; if she took the money, she would spend it; it was safer with the Legation. Most of the Indian visitors go to see her, but she is embarrassed at their questions. She was annoyed at the publicity in India, but meets Indian journalists friendly

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to the Bose family. Mr. H.V. Kamath and other leftist leaders had seen her and had been encouraging her to believe that Mr. Subhas Bose is alive and are using her for their own propaganda in India to that effect to confuse the public.

Frau Schenkl has to be handled carefully and discreetly, as she is very touchy; while not very intelligent, she is shrewd and clever and knows where her interests lie. She is devoted to the memory of Mr. Bose and has so far remained true and faithful to him. She is a woman of the world, is 43 years old at present and looks after Anita very well.

----- K.V.

Rameswamy  
7/8/53.

Handed over to me personally  
by Mr. Rameswamy in  
November 1954 at Pune

[Signature]

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Embassy of India,  
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January 19, 1954.

My dear Ramaswamy,

Many thanks for your letter No.  
Con/8(1), dated January 17, enclosing copies  
of the correspondence between Shri B.C.Roy  
and Mrs. Schenkl regarding the Trust for  
the late Subhas Chandra Bose's daughter.

Yours sincerely,

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(Y.D. Gundevia)

Dr. K.V. Ramaswamy,  
Legation of India,  
Vienna.

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Embassy of India  
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January 19, 1954.

My dear Mathai,

There was a paragraph in the Hindu of December 18 to say that the Congress Working Committee at Delhi had taken a decision to create a Trust of 2 lakhs of rupees in favour of the 11-year old daughter of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. Mrs. Schenkl has always kept in touch with Ramaswamy, our Vice Consul in Vienna, and Ramaswamy has recently obtained from her copies of correspondence that has passed between Shri B.C. Roy and Mrs. Schenkl on the subject of the Trust. I dare say, the Prime Minister is aware of the trend of the correspondence. Shri B.C. Roy has written to her, apparently, in accordance with the Working Committee's decision, and, in her letter dated 17th January, Mrs. Schenkl has agreed to be one of the Trustees. I am enclosing herewith a copy of the correspondence for your information.

Yours sincerely,

(Y.D. Gundevia)

Shri M.O. Mathai,  
Special Assistant to the  
Prime Minister,  
Prime Minister's House,  
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17th January, 1954

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Dear Mr. Ambassador,

You have no doubt seen the press cutting about the allocation of a sum of Rs 2 lakhs from the INA Funds lying with the AICC in favour of the daughter of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. For ready reference I am attaching the cutting.

On the basis of this resolution of the Congress Working Committee, Dr. B.C. Roy wrote a letter dated the 17th December, 1953 to Mrs. Schenkl. A copy of this letter and her reply to Dr. B.C. Roy both of which she showed to me, is attached herewith for your information. As the Prime Minister might be personally interested in this correspondence, I am attaching an additional copy so that, if you consider it advisable or necessary, this may be forwarded to him. I shall keep you informed of any further developments in the matter.

With kindest regards,

*[Signature]*

Encl.

Yours sincerely,

*K. V. Ramaswamy*  
(K.V. Ramaswamy)

Y.D. Gundevia, Esq.,  
Ambassador of India  
Embassy of India  
Berne

D.O No 717 Con

17th December, 1953

Dear Madam,

You will recall the conversation I had last year about your daughter. You will also remember that the Working Committee of the All-India Congress desired to place a sum of money in Trust for your daughter. A considerable portion of the amount that is now being earmarked for your daughter was realised out of a film production depicting the career of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. The amount available is Rs 2 Lakhs, equivalent to about 15,000 English Pounds. The proposal is that this money should be in the form of a Trust to be created on behalf of your daughter who will be getting the interest out of the sum until she attains majority when she would be in a position to spend the money according to her own desire. The interest would amount to about 35 English Pounds a month.

The Working Committee of the Congress have delegated to Pandit Nehru and myself the task of making arrangements for this Trust. I would therefore like you to let us know about the following points:-

1. With whom do you think the Trust should be created, that is to say, who would be the Trustees.
2. We should like you to be one of the Trustees or any other person whom you nominate

If on the other hand you do not want to be a Trustee, then we might put the money in the hands of the Official Trustee of the Government who will remit regularly the interest due on this sum to your daughter until she can claim the Trust herself.

I am sorry this is more or less a business letter but we are really keen on making some provision for the child and I am glad that the Working Committee have decided to create a Trust.

Kindly let me know what you think of it.

Yours sincerely,

B.C.Roy

Madam Subhas Chandra Bose  
c/o The Indian Legation  
Vienna



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Emilie Schenkl

Ferrogasse 24  
Vienna XVIII, 110  
January, 17th 1954

Your Excellency,

May I thank you for your letter of the 17th December, 1953, regarding the Trust, which the Working Committee have decided to set up for my daughter. I have thought over the matter very carefully and decided to agree to be one of the Trustees.

As regards the alternatives mentioned by Your Excellency, could you kindly send me the different drafts of the Trust Deed, at your convenience? I am not fully aware of the details and would like to understand the position clearly. I shall also be grateful if you will kindly let me know who is the "Official Trustee", what are his powers and the circumstances under which the amount will be fully transferred to my daughter, when she attains majority.

I take this opportunity to convey to Your Excellency my very best wishes for the New Year.

Yours sincerely,

sd Emilie Schenkl



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### FUND FOR NETAJI BOSE'S DAUGHTER

CALCUTTA, Dec. 16.

A sum of Rs. 2 lakhs is being kept apart from the I.N.A. Fund, lying with the A-ICC, in favour of the 11-year-old daughter of Netaji Subhas Chandra Bose. This decision, it is learnt, was taken at the recent meeting of the Congress Working Committee at Delhi.

It was further decided to invest this amount in securities and the Congress President, Mr. Jawaharlal Nehru, and the West Bengal Chief Minister, Dr. B. C. Roy, were authorised to create a trust for the purpose.—UPI.

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No.F.2-Pol(Aus)/53

July 7, 1953.

My dear Ramaswamy,

You will remember that I had asked you to prepare a full and detailed note on everything that you know about Frau Schenkl - everything that you have on record, financial etc., and anything more that you might have learnt locally. The note will be treated as Top Secret. I would like you to keep this ready for me when I come to Vienna, on the 17th. If the time is too short, you may tell me so when we meet, but in that case, I shall expect it at Salzburg on August 15th.

Yours sincerely,

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(Y.D.Gundevia)

Dr.K.V.Ramaswamy,  
Attache and Vice Consul,  
Legation of India,  
Vienna.

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No.D.2273-Eur.II/53,  
Government of India,  
Ministry of External Affairs,

New Delhi dated the 9 June, 1953.

Subject:- Question in the House of the People regarding  
the family Shri S.C. Bose.

Dear Legation,

We enclose a copy of the Question and Answer  
on the above subject together with the supplementaries,  
for your information and record.

Yours ever,  
Ministry of External Affairs,



The Legation of India,  
BERNE.



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HOUSE OF THE PEOPLE.

STARRED QUESTION NO. 1961.

To be answered on the 8th May, 1953.

Family of Shri Subhash Chandra Bose.

\*1961 Shri L.J.Singh : Will the Prime Minister be pleased to state:-

- (a) whether the Government of India are aware that Shri Subhash Chandra Bose left behind a wife named Frau Schenke and a daughter named Anita Bose in Vienna;
- (b) if so, what steps Government propose to take for extension of State Aid for the maintenance of the family;
- (c) whether Government made a proposal to bring back to India Shri Subhash Chandra Bose's wife and daughter; and
- (d) if so, the results of such proposal?

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ANSWER.

SHRI JAWAHARLAL NEHRU -

- (a) Yes. The lady's name is Frau Schenkl.
  - (b), (c) & (d) Government are informed that the lady was invited to come to India, but she preferred to stay on in Vienna. Proposals were also made to give her financial help. Some help was occasionally given from private sources, but the lady was not willing to receive any such financial assistance regularly.
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Q and A

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Q No. 1961.

Shri L.J. Singh: May I know whether the Government of India were in contact with the other members of Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose's family in Calcutta with regard to the extension of State aid and also with regard to the bringing back to India of his wife and daughter and, if so, what are their reactions?

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: The Government of India's reactions or the family's reactions? Whose reactions?

Shri L.J. Singh: The reactions of the family members.

Shri Jawaharlal Nehru: I find some difficulty in answering these questions because there are certain delicacies about them. So far as the Government of India are concerned we have known about this for the last three or four years and we have been anxious to do everything in our power to help, to invite and do everything, but not to do anything which might perhaps not be welcomed on the other side. And we drew the attention of the members of the family at the earliest moment; and they have dealt with the matter separately and directly, in so far as I know, since then.

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